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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, RO, FI

SUBJ: POSSIBLE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND

REF: (A) STATE 46047, (B) BUCHAREST 1106

1. MENTION IN REFTEL B OF GOR BEING "UNHAPPY" WITH GATT HANDLING OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (FTA) WITH FINLAND RELATES TO FACT THAT GOR EXPECTED GATT TAKE FIRM POSITION ON FINNISH FTA'S AND DISAPPOINTED THAT GATT HAD NOT TAKEN STRONGER STAND. GOR UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT FINNISH FTA'S ARE REALLY THAT. GOR NOW REEXAMINING POSITION TO SEE IF IT COULD BENEFIT FROM FTA WITH FINLAND. IN MEETING REPORTED REFTEL B, DUMITRESCU STATED THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ROMANIA TO BE "HILIER THAN THE POPE."

2. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH FINNISH EMBOFF, ECON COUNSELOR WAS ADVISED THAT ROMANIANS AND FINNS RESUMED TALKS FEBRUARY 15-16 ON POSSIBLE
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FTA. MEETINGS APPARENTLY COVERED MOST OF SAME GROUND AS IN SEPTEMBER 1976 HELSINKI TALKS. GOR REPORTEDLY CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECTS FTA WOULD HAVE ON CONTINUATION OF GSP FROM U.S. IN TALKS, GOR WANTS FINNS INCLUDE PROVISION CLASSIFYING ROMANIA AS LDC AND TO ACCORD ROMANIA GSP. NO DATE SET FOR SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF SECTION 502 (B)(3) OF
TRADE ACT WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE
SHOULD BE ADVISING ROMANIANS.
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